

We are all rather better than
usual. My daughter Charlotte
with her infant, now nearly
three weeks old, are doing
nicely. —

But then must prevent my
taking part in the public
reception, I see, you mean
to give him.

But I hope in due time
we shall see him and hear
him in Syracuse. He
will show you what I
have written to him. —

We have heard from time
to time from one friend
and another of dear Helen's
slowly improving condition.
I wish you would write
us just how she is, and
how you are and all
the members of your fam-
ily. —

Give mine — and my
wife's and Aunt Charlotte's
best love to your wife — and
children —

Affectionately yours

Samuel J. May

Mr Wm L. Garrison

need before last and to attempt to qualify the only exception, that marred the excellence of what Mr Phillips said. It does seem to me that Mr Lincoln has shown himself, anxious to be and to do right - though liable to err, through the influence of his education, of his evil advisers, and the complicated difficulties which beset his course of action. - If the friends of Humanity, in Congress & out, exert themselves as they ought, I believe Mr Lincoln will be persuaded to do the best thing that is to be done -

I congratulate you on the arrival of Mr Thompson - and I chafe not a little at the thought that my distance from Boston and my inability to bear the expense of the journey

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My very dear Friend.

16 My heart has ached for you, in the deep affliction that has overshadowed your household. Although I have written to you but once, I have thought of you and yours daily. Words are not only inadequate they seem to me almost impertinent. I wish I had been near enough to visit you - and in some way minister to you. Aunt Charlotte and I have often talked about and wept over the condition of your family, when both you and your dear wife were lying disabled. I was glad to see that you were able to be at the Anti Slavery meetings